OFFICE FOR TECHNOLOGY

MISSION

The Office for Technology, formerly the Governor's Task Force on Information Resource Management, was statutorily created in 1997. The Office has evolved from planning and coordinating the State's investment in information technology to a policy-oriented organization with added operational responsibilities. In consultation with an Advisory Council for Technology consisting of representatives of State agencies and the Legislature, the Office works to accomplish three objectives: achieving financial efficiencies; improving communication between State and local agencies; and making it easier for citizens and the private sector to do business with New York.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The Office is located in Albany and has a staff of 710 for 2001-02. It is supported with State tax dollars from the General Fund and payments from other State agencies.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The 2001-02 General Fund recommendation of $89.4 million includes $55.9 million to maintain current staffing levels and support ongoing agency efforts. A total of $33.5 million is also recommended for priority initiatives, including $25 million to fund selected e-government projects in 31 State agencies. These projects will make it easier for citizens and businesses to access information and transact business with State agencies at their convenience over the Internet. Major recommendations include:
— A $97.4 million Internal Service Fund appropriation for operation of the consolidated State Data Center. This fund will support positions transferred primarily from State agencies and the cost of upgrading and operating the Center's computers.
— An $11.3 million General Fund appropriation for the renovation of space to house the Data Center.
— A $20.6 million Internal Service Fund appropriation for the New York Intranet (NYeNet). This fund will be supported with fees charged to State and local users of the NYeNet.
— $8.5 million in General Fund appropriations mainly to improve the security of State computer systems, to expand technology training of users and executive staff and to develop a Geographic Information System in the Office for Technology.
Continuation of a $19 million Internal Service Fund appropriation is also recommended for the Office for Technology to coordinate the development of computer systems that will be used by various agencies and statewide enterprise agreements.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Since its inception as a Task Force in 1996, the Office has been actively involved in designing and implementing statewide policies and practices to govern the management of information technologies. One of the early products of the Office was an agenda created to guide the State's technology activities over the next five years. The agenda, released in 1996, identified five priorities: the need for statewide policies and direction to guide the State's technology efforts; greater coordination and sharing of information among agencies involved in projects having multi-agency implications; reducing duplication of efforts by encouraging data sharing; coordinating technology purchases; and creating a statewide "intranet" to link State and local agencies.

A wide variety of activities are underway to implement this agenda. Under the auspices of the Office, several interagency work groups are developing or have developed technology-related productivity initiatives that involve such topics as best practices, electronic bidding and procurement, administrative systems and information technology workforce issues.

The Office for Technology has taken important steps to improve the State's management of technology services, such as the consolidation of 19 separate data centers into a single operation. The consolidation has resulted in stronger management of the State's data centers, as demonstrated by greater coordination of purchases of sophisticated equipment.

Another priority is the operation of the statewide telecommunications network, known as the NYeNet, that provides State and local governments with more reliable data, voice and video communications. The NYeNet offers a new framework for conducting governmental business using Internet technology. This network has greater capacity to transmit data, provide local entities and citizens with easier access to State government and facilitate increased interagency cooperation and data-sharing.

The Office for Technology will assume responsibility for managing the State's e-government initiative. The priority e-government projects will move New York closer to the Governor's vision of "a government without walls." Governor Pataki has directed the Office to work closely with agencies to transform the way government provides services to its citizens, eventually giving New Yorkers online access to virtually all critical government services, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Office for Technology is also making investments in protecting the security of State data systems, providing users with the confidence that transactions and records will be safe from unauthorized access.

ALL FUNDS
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Category	Available 2000-01	Appropriations Recommended 2001-02	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2001-02
State Operations	216,076,300	271,409,000	55,332,700	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	216,076,300	271,409,000	55,332,700	0

ALL FUND TYPES
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2000-01 Estimated FTEs 03/31/01	2001-02 Estimated FTEs 03/31/02	FTE Change
Technology			
General Fund	131	131	0
Internal Service Funds	579	579	0
Total	710	710	0

STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available 2000-01	Recommended 2001-02	Change
General Fund	52,091,700	89,379,000	37,287,300
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Internal Service Funds	163,984,600	172,030,000	8,045,400
Total	216,076,300	271,409,000	55,332,700

Adjustments:	
Transfer(s) From	
Special Pay Bill	
General Fund	(350,000)
Internal Service Funds	(15,000)
Appropriated 2000-01	215,711,300

STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available 2000-01	Recommended 2001-02	Change
E-Government Initiatives			
General Fund	0	25,000,000	25,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Technology			
General Fund	52,091,700	64,379,000	12,287,300
Internal Service Funds	163,984,600	172,030,000	8,045,400
Total	216,076,300	271,409,000	55,332,700

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2001-02 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total Personal Service		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Technology	8,800,000	6,815,600	8,794,800	6,815,600
Total	8,800,000	6,815,600	8,794,800	6,815,600

Program	Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change
Technology	5,200	0
Total	5,200	0

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2001-02 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total Nonpersonal Service		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	**Change**	**Amount**	**Change**
E-Government Initiatives	25,000,000	25,000,000	0	0
Technology	55,579,000	5,471,700	140,000	120,000
Total	80,579,000	30,471,700	140,000	120,000

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	**Change**	**Amount**	**Change**
Technology	230,000	205,000	35,263,000	2,693,700
Total	230,000	205,000	35,263,000	2,693,700

Program	Equipment		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	**Change**	**Amount**	**Change**
E-Government Initiatives	0	0	25,000,000	25,000,000
Technology	150,000	104,000	19,796,000	2,349,000
Total	150,000	104,000	44,796,000	27,349,000

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2001-02 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	**Change**	**Amount**	**Change**
E-Government Initiatives	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Technology	172,030,000	8,045,400	172,030,000	8,045,400
Total	182,030,000	18,045,400	182,030,000	18,045,400